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WITH this number THE BRYOLOGIST begins an independent existence. We hereby acknowledge our great indebtedness to our late associate, *The Fern Bulletin*. Without that assistance neither the Sullivant Moss Chapter nor THE BRYOLOGIST could have attained its present growth. This issue contains twelve pages and is furnished with a cover. We hope that our reception will warrant an increase to sixteen pages next year. A glance over our columns for the past year will show that we number among our contributors most of the prominent moss students of the United States. The increase in price will, we feel sure, be more than made up to subscribers by the increased value of the journal.

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WE hope that every one, whether a member of the Moss Chapter or not, will read carefully the Secretary's report. The Editor himself scarcely expected such marked results from the first year's work. Certainly an organization which accomplishes such results is worth the careful consideration of every moss student. Such consideration will lead to membership, we believe.

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THE success of the Sullivant Moss Chapter is due very largely to the efforts of its Secretary, Mrs. Annie Morrill Smith, who has devoted time, strength, and money to the work of the Chapter, to an extent little realized except by a very few. Mrs. Smith's success in the work of the Moss Chapter argues well for the future of THE BRYOLOGIST, since she has kindly consented to share the burdens of editorship. We feel sure that all our readers will be glad to welcome her as Associate Editor.

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LIKE all other publications, THE BRYOLOGIST depends for its success upon its meeting the wants of its constituency. The Editors will be pleased to have moss students indicate to them those features of the journal that have been most helpful, and also will be pleased to receive suggestions; these will be adopted if they seem practicable.

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